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1. CONSEJERO RICARDO QUADRI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ANTARCTIC AND MALVINAS OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE, DELIVERED FOLLOWING AIDE-MEMOIRE TO EMBASSY: QUOTE I. THE GROUP OF SPECIALISTS ON LIVE RESOURCES IN THE SOUTHERN OCEAN OF SCAR APPROVED, AT ITS WOODS HOLE MEETING (MASSACHUETTS, AUGUST 1976), A PROGRAM TO UNDERTAKE THE BIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION OF MARINE ANTARCTIC SYSTEMS AND STOCKS (BIOMASS) AND SUGGESTED THAT INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION BE UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC), A UNESCO ENTITY. II. THE 3RD MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION GROUP FOR THE SOUTHERN OCEANS (SOC), A SUBDIVISION OF IOC, WILL START IN LONDON ON AUGUST 30, AND ACCORDING TO POINTS 6 AND 7 OF ITS SCHEDULE, WILL HAVE TO ACT ON THE SUGGESTING THAT IOC COORDINATE THE BIOMASS PROGRAM. III. THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMS THE EMBASSY AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MTHAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO INCREASE PROPORTIONALLY ITS CONTRIBUTION TO SCAR SO THAT THIS COMMITTEE, WHICH IS SCIENTIFIC ADVISER TO THE STATES-PARTIES OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY, WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION OF THE BIOMASS PROGRAM, AND IT HOPES THAT THE GOVERNMENT AGREES WITH THIS VIEWPOINT. IV. IF
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THE ANTARCTIC PARTIES AND MEMBERS OF SOC AGREE ON THE ABOVE, THE SUGGESTED COORDINATION BY IOC SHOULD BE REJECTED AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF SOC. UNQUOTE.

2. QUADRI EXPLAINED THAT THE GOA BELIEVES THAT THE SCAR DECIDED TO ASK THE IOC FOR HELP IN UNDERTAKING THE BIOMASS RESEARCH BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT FUNDS, HE SAID THE GOA

PREFERS TO HAVE SCAR DO THE RESEARCH BECAUSE ITS MEMBERSHIP
IS RESTRICTED TO THE STATE-PARTIES OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY,
WHEREAS ANY STATE CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE SOC.

3. QUADRI SAID HE WOULD BE ATTENDING THE SOC LONDON MEETING
AND HOPED TO ARRANGE A CAUCUS BEFOREHAND WITH OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY TO TRY TO PERSUADE THEM TO VOTE
AGAINST POINT 7 ON THE SOC AGENDA. HE SAID HE WOULD CALL
OUR EMBASSY IN LONDON UPON ARRIVAL.
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